



Bureau of Land Management • Lake Havasu Field Office  
**Notice Of Proposed Action (NOPA)**  
within the **Harcuvar Mountains Wilderness Area**  
NOPA AZ-070-2004-8560-1 (EAAZ-070-2004-00012)



Existing water facilities at Dripping Springs will be modified and maintained for use by livestock and wildlife through a cooperative effort between the Arizona Game and Fish Department (the Bureau of Land Management permittee) and the BLM. The spring and upper trough will be stabilized, and an additional wildlife drinker will be installed. A small work crew will walk to the project site from a staging area outside the wilderness area. Equipment and materials will be sling-loaded and placed at the project site by helicopter. The current pipeline will be replaced and/or extended (as needed) outside the wilderness area, to a suitable location with a corral added for livestock handling. Details of the proposed action appear on our website and printed copies are available upon request (see information below).

The NOPA comment period for this action closes **January 23, 2004**, and written comments may be submitted via email. If you would like a copy project's decision record or Environmental Assessment when completed, please include that request with your written comments.

Thank you for your interest in public land management. If you would like to volunteer for work on this or other similar projects, please contact us.

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**County -** La Paz

**Area -** Attn: Field Manager  
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**Wilderness Area – Harcuvar Mountains Wilderness**

1. Type of Action: Installation of Additional Wildlife Drinker at Dripping Springs.
2. Description of Activity:

The Dripping Springs water facilities will be modified and maintained for use by livestock and wildlife through a cooperative effort between the permittee, Arizona Department of Game and Fish, and the Bureau of Land Management. The pipeline will be replaced as needed. The spring and upper trough will be stabilized. A fiberglass component drinker 6' long, 3' wide, and 2' deep will be placed approximately 320' southeast from the existing concrete trough for easier access by wildlife. A small hole will be excavated to accommodate the drinker. The pipeline replacement will extend from the upper trough down to the new drinker and extended outside of wilderness to provide water to the lower livestock facilities. (see attached map). All of the improvements in wilderness will be camouflaged with natural colors and unnecessary materials will be removed.

A small work crew (10-12 volunteers and staff) will hike to the project site from a staging area outside of the wilderness. There will be no overnight camping within the wilderness area as part of this project. A helicopter will be used to deliver materials, such as the drinker. It will not land within the wilderness area, but will only sling load equipment. Approximately 7-10 low level helicopter trips may be needed to get all materials and equipment to and from the project site in wilderness. The project is expected to be completed either in the spring /fall of 2004 or 2005.

The pipeline will be extended, outside of wilderness, to Water Haul #6 or another suitable location with a corral added for livestock handling purposes.

### 3. Chronology of Events

1920	Dripping Spring developed and water piped to Goat Ranch at bottom of slope.
1938	Dripping Spring claimed and maintained as a range improvement by Conley Brothers (the allotment permittee at the time).
1975	Upper Trough recommended for wildlife use, not cattle.
November –1990	Swansea Wilderness designated by Public Law 101-628 Arizona Desert Wilderness Act.
2000	AZ Game and Fish requests additional drinker be installed at Dripping Springs.
December 23, 2003	<i>Notice of Proposed Action (NOPA)</i> Posted and availability announced by a mailing to list.
December 24, 2004	EA initiated
January 23,2004	Comment period for this NOPA ends.

Note:

*If you would like a copy of the environmental assessment when completed please contact the Lake Havasu Field Office. As always, your comments and questions are welcome concerning this and any other BLM actions. For further information regarding this activity, please contact Jill Miller-Allert, Wilderness Specialist, (928) 505-1204(e-mail: [jallert@blm.gov](mailto:jallert@blm.gov).) or Mark Howell, Wildlife Biologist, (928) 505 -1226(e-mail: [mark\\_howell@blm.gov](mailto:mark_howell@blm.gov).)*

*Please help us manage your public lands. If you observe any inappropriate use or activities on public lands, please contact your local BLM office and speak with the Ranger Staff.*

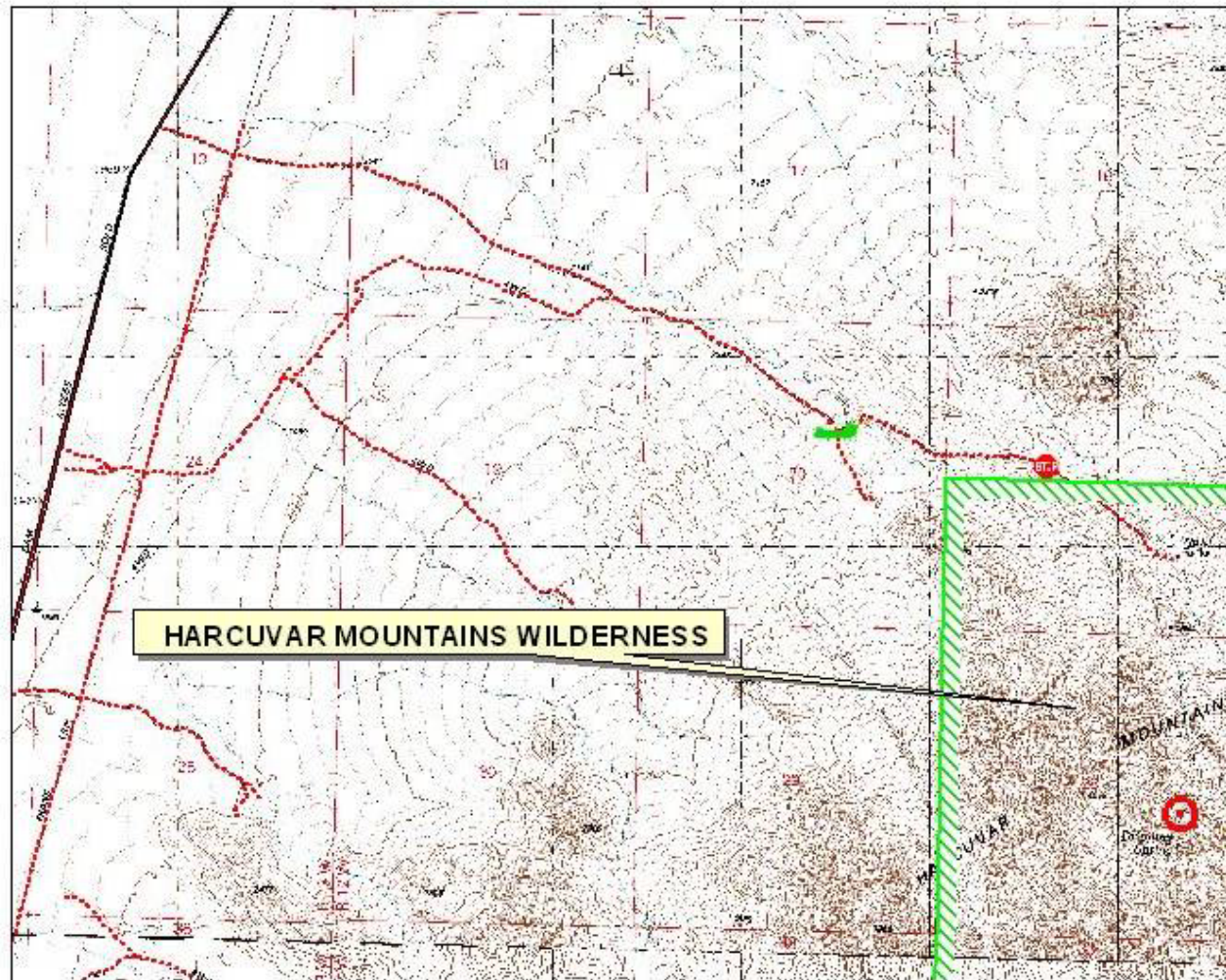
//s/ Donald Ellsworth

Donald Ellsworth, Field Manager

December 19, 2003

Date

# Dripping Springs Project




## Site Information

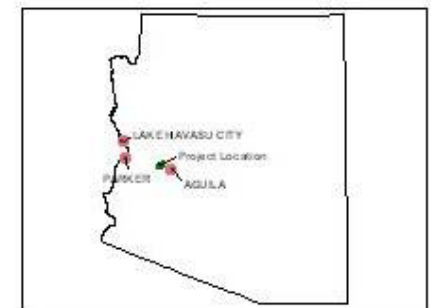
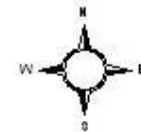
-  Vehicle Barrier
-  Project Site
-  Staging Area

 Wilderness Boundary

 Primary Road - Paved

 unpaved roads

 Trails - GPS





Current Water Catchment at Dripping Springs



Location of Current Water Catchment



## Proposed Additional Water Catchment Site

